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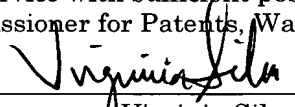
Title: Drive Mechanism Control Device And Method, Driving Operation Confirmation Method For A Drive Mechanism, And Programs For Implementing The Methods

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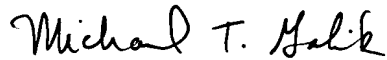
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